

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An umbrella-type~~ A laundry drying rack ~~having~~ comprising:

a vertical support; ~~(1)~~ and ~~having~~

a plurality of load-bearing arms ~~(2)~~ for clothes lines, ~~the~~

5 ~~load-bearing arms being~~ disposed pivotably on the support ~~(1)~~

~~each~~ about ~~a~~ respective pivot pins; ~~pin (6), and~~

wherein the load-bearing arms ~~(2)~~ are pivotable between a first position close to the support and a second position remote from the support; ~~and~~

10 wherein the load-bearing arms are coupled to one another such that upon pivoting of one of the load-bearing arms, ~~(2), the~~ further remaining load-bearing arms ~~(2)~~ are jointly pivoted in the same way, and

15 ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least ~~one~~ a first load-bearing arm ~~has a~~ comprises means for ~~its forced deflection out~~ of deflecting itself outward from the first position ~~outward,~~ upon exertion of a force oriented away from the support ~~(1) to on~~ a second one of the ~~other~~ load-bearing arms ~~(2)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said at least first one of the load-bearing ~~arm (2) having~~ arms which comprises the deflecting

means ~~for its forced deflection~~ is disposed, relative to the
5 support ~~(1)~~, opposite to said second one of the load-bearing
arms. ~~a load-bearing arm (2) provided for exerting the force~~
~~oriented away from the support (1).~~

3. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein each
of the load-bearing arms (2) are each is braced on the support
~~(1) with a respective~~ by a spreader arm ~~(10)~~ that is pivotable ~~on~~
5 ~~the one hand~~ at a first end about a retaining shaft ~~(12)~~ disposed
on the support ~~(1)~~ and ~~on the other~~ at a second end about an
articulation shaft ~~(14)~~ disposed on the load-bearing arm ~~(2)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of claim 3,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining shafts ~~(12)~~ of the
spreader arms ~~(10)~~ are disposed ~~fixedly~~ immovably on the support
~~(1)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the
pivot pins ~~(6)~~ of the load-bearing arms ~~(2)~~ are disposed on a
sleeve ~~(8)~~ that is displaceable relative to the support ~~(1)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the
plurality of load-bearing arms comprises four load-bearing arms
~~(2) are provided.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~the foregoing claims, characterized in that one load-bearing arm~~
~~(2) has a handle (38), and this load-bearing arm (2) is intended~~
~~for exerting the force oriented away from the support (1)~~
5 claim 1, wherein said second one of the load-bearing arms
comprises a handle.

8. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~the foregoing claims, characterized in that the means for forced~~
~~deflection~~ claim 3, wherein the deflecting means comprises a tilt
lever that is pivotable about a tilt pin on said at least first
5 one of the load-bearing arms at a first end and is braceable on
the support at a second end ~~arm (2) has a tilt lever (16) that on~~
~~the one hand can be pivoted about a tilt pin (18) on the load-~~
~~bearing arm (2) and on the other can be braced on the support~~
~~(1).~~

9. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of claim 8,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tilt lever ~~(16)~~ carries the

articulation shaft ~~(14)~~ of the corresponding spreader arm ~~(10)~~,
and the articulation shaft ~~(14)~~ of the spreader arm ~~(10)~~ is
5 disposed between the tilt pin ~~(18)~~ of the tilt lever ~~(16)~~ and ~~an~~
the second end of the tilt lever ~~(16)~~ ~~that can be braced on the~~
~~support (1)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~claims 1-7, characterized in that the means for forced deflection~~
~~of the load bearing arm (2) has~~ claim 5, wherein the deflecting
means comprises a toothed sleeve ~~(36)~~, which is displaceable
5 relative to the support ~~(1)~~, and a gear wheel or gear wheel
segment that engages the toothed sleeve ~~(36)~~ and which is
disposed on said at least first one of the load-bearing ~~arm (2)~~
arms.

11. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of
claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the toothed sleeve ~~(36)~~
is disposed displaceably in the sleeve ~~(30)~~, on which the pivot
pins ~~(32)~~ of the load-bearing arms are disposed ~~and which is~~
5 ~~displaceable relative to the support (1)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of claim 10
~~or 11, characterized in that~~ wherein the toothed sleeve ~~(36)~~ is
drivable by ~~a~~ the gear wheel or gear wheel segment ~~(34)~~ disposed

on a ~~load bearing arm (2) intended for exerting the force~~
5 ~~oriented away from the support (1)~~ said second one of the load-
bearing arms.

13. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of ~~one of~~
~~claims 1-7, characterized in that the means for forced deflection~~
~~of the load bearing arm (2) has~~ claim 1, wherein the deflecting
means comprises a connecting rod disposed ~~on the one hand~~ at a
5 first end pivotably on a connecting rod sleeve ~~(22)~~ that is
displaceable relative to the support ~~(1)~~ and on ~~the other~~
pivotably on said at least first one of the load-bearing ~~arm (2)~~
arms at a second end.

14. (Currently Amended) The laundry drying rack of
claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting rod sleeve
~~(22)~~ is drivable by a connecting rod ~~(24)~~ that is connected to ~~a~~
said second one of the load-bearing arms ~~arm (2) intended for~~
5 ~~exerting the force oriented away from the support (1).~~